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# FAITH

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## Why Believe

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# God's Glorious Work

Geoffrey Ellis

**F**aith stirring! The brilliance of God's provision for the rescue of his creation! God determined the essence of his solution "before the creation of the world" (1 Pet. 1:20). At its heart, the story of the Bible is the outworking of God's eternal plan.

Two lines of development interweave and interact: the Saviour and the saved. The glorious place and role of the latter is the focus of this reflection. The perfection of God's arrangement for the redeemed nourishes our faith! While the full grasp of perfection is beyond our finite minds, its grandeur draws us on.

God determined that his eternal Son would become the sacrificial Lamb, whose precious blood would save us from our "empty ways" (1 Pet. 1:18, 19). Those purified form a brotherhood of love (1:22), a spiritual house, a holy priesthood that offers "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (2:5). The first part of the Bible's story is how the Son becomes the Saviour; the second part is how the saved become the medium of the message of salvation to the entire world.

There are three visions of the body of the saved: the visible, the spiritual and the eternal. Each view is a marvel.

The visible church is what we think of first. Whether "the church of God in Corinth," "the saints in Philippi," or "the churches of Christ in Canada," these are groups of

people with names, faces and social dimensions. They interact with the world at large but are different.

The church is Christ's "assembly" (literally, "called out," from ecclesia; see Matt. 16:18) in this world, called out to be a separate people, a counter-culture. These are a people devoted to Christ as their Lord, those who strive to emulate his values. They are a people who by the excellence of their example and the

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persistence of their preaching seek to draw people from the kingdoms of the world to the kingdom of the saved. The visible church is the gospel that the world reads.

It is faith stirring to know that the Scriptures present perfect models to emulate, both for individual Christians and for congregations of Christians.

The righteous life to which Christians aspire targets the holiness of God (1 Pet. 1:15) and the completeness of Christ (Col. 1:28). The ethical standard for "God's chosen people" is superior to humanly devised systems (see Col. 3:1-17). The perfect life is exemplified in Jesus Christ—"set your hearts" on Christ (Col. 3:1-4). "Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life..." (Phil. 2:14-16a).

The collectives of Christians, called "congregations," or local "churches," also have in the New Testament a perfect pattern to

follow. The New Covenant shapes God's kingdom on earth. In the "occasional letters" of the NT, God presents in his "case studies" his wisdom for the churches. The structure of the church is uniquely suited to a fellowship that is to nurture each member to maturity in Christ, and that is to spread around the world. It follows the pattern of the family, both universally and congregationally, in which God is father and Christ is the elder brother, and believers are all brothers and sisters living in agape love (Heb. 13:20,21).

Yet the visible church on earth also has a spiritual dimension. It is God's kingdom of heaven on earth (Col. 1:12-14). This should not surprise us: our King lives in the spiritual realm, with our redemption we become living souls, our strength is the indwelling Holy Spirit, and our destiny is the spiritual home of heaven. The spiritual aspect of the church is real, its reality of first importance.

What does the church in its spiritual dimension look like? Jesus concentrated his teaching on what "the kingdom of heaven is like" in his parables (see Matt. 13). And the New Testament in Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, closes with precisely that description! An angel said to John, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb... and he showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God" (Rev. 21:9,10). (See also Heb. 12:22-24 for an abbreviated description). The vision is of preciousness, vastness and holiness.

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God" (21:3; see 2 Cor. 6:16-18). The Holy City shines with the glory

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# Why I Believe in the God of the Bible

Edwin Broadus

Many years ago, as I moved from my teens to early adulthood, I experienced the important process of examining an inherited faith and developing my own. Not surprisingly, questions arose in my mind about some things I had been taught by my parents and others. But rather than letting doubts consume me, I determined to identify those beliefs that I was certain were true and then to build on my faith and not my doubts in order to have a place to stand and a foundation upon which to build my beliefs and my life.

In my case, unlike what some others may have experienced, the existence of a Supreme Being was never in question. I believed the evidence for such a Being is overwhelming, that there is no other credible explanation for the existence of our universe and for our own existence as rational human beings other than a God who created it all. Many others, including many prominent scientists and intellectuals, have reached a similar conclusion. But why the God of the Bible? The answer to this question is found in Jesus Christ.

Christianity is an historical religion, and its founder, Jesus Christ, lived on this earth at a specific time and in a specific place, all of which can be examined and substantiated by the canons of history. Because of this, my faith in Christ is built on a solid foundation of credible evidence for what he said and did while he was on earth and for his resurrection from the dead, and my faith in the God of the Bible is in turn built upon this firm faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus not only claimed, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"; he demonstrated it with evidence beyond any reasonable doubt.

Who is Jesus? That he lived on this earth in the first century A. D.,

that he was an amazing teacher and one of the most influential persons in human history, and that he claimed to be the Son of God, are all well-established historical facts, testified to by eyewitnesses. Peter said, "For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).

Space does not allow detailed examination of his profound teaching

was either a deliberate liar or was self-deluded to the point of being mentally unbalanced. Admittedly, there have been deliberate liars as well as mentally unstable people who have obtained a substantial following, but Jesus showed no signs of falling into either category. Two millennia after he walked on this earth, he is still recognized as one of the greatest spiritual teachers in all human history.

Some say that people were more gullible then than now. But scripture tells how people then wrestled with the question of who this man was who taught and did such amazing things. Some of

them said he was a good man, some that he was a deceiver, some that he was demon-possessed, and some that he was the Prophet or the Messiah, while others pondered how this fit in with their understanding of scripture (John 7:12, 20, 40-42). Undoubtedly, his opponents would have delighted in smearing his

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and his powerful impact on millions of individuals, nor is it necessary to offer proof, for even those who do not accept his Deity recognize the lasting beneficial influence of his life and teaching. But those who accept this about Jesus need to deal with its implications: Jesus was either the person he claimed to be or he was an imposter. If he was an imposter he



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## Apology

Wayne Turner

**H**ave you ever asked yourself why you believe in God? We live in a world of very diverse beliefs and opinions about God and some very well-known and outspoken opponents of faith. Is your faith something passed on from your parents? Is it something you learned or discovered? Is it something you just have, but are not really sure where it came from? Perhaps we might borrow from Socrates' famous quote, "the unexamined life is not worth living" and suggest that the unexamined faith may not be worth much at all.

As Christians, we consider faith to be essential. It provides us with motivation, understanding, direction, shapes our world view and is the basis for our relationship with God, among many other things. It might seem that without—knowing why we believe—where our faith comes from—we could be misguided, living on faulty assumptions and misinformation. Truth has nothing to fear from enquiry and examination.

We learn a lot about faith from Peter's statement, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for that hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15 – NIV) Hope, here, is a synonym for faith. We could understand it as the result or direction of our faith. To be able to follow Peter's instruction, we need to know what and why we believe.

In the original Greek, Peter uses the word *apologia*, from which we get the English word "apology." It is unfortunate that over the centuries, the word has come to mean, as most dictionaries state, "a statement of regret" or "admission of wrong." Nothing in Peter's statement could possibly suggest this. Originally, it meant something said on one's own behalf, a statement of defense. In Peter's thought, it is an answer. The word "apologetics" is used to refer to making an organized and logical defense on behalf of something, especially faith in God.

The response Peter has in mind is not just an answer, it is a reason. It is informed and logical, with the goal that it can be used to persuade others. We are reminded of Paul's visit to Berea, where he explained and gave evidence from the scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah. His hearers were then able to study to confirm the accuracy of his message and his faith. Similarly, perhaps we don't really appreciate the significance of Luke's careful investigation into the facts as he prepared his accounts of the life of Jesus and the early church. It was so that Theophilus could know with certainty the things he had been taught. We have often quoted Paul's statement that faith comes from hearing the preaching of Christ. This is why some of the earliest Christian writers are known as apologists, because they wrote in behalf (or in defense) of the truth of Christianity.

Apologetics has become a very expansive pursuit, extending from the introduction of the gospel in early times, to the very wide range of disciplines we see today. Generally, apologetics seeks to use every possible thought, every source of information, to help people come to faith—to come to a saving knowledge of God and Christ. History, geography, archaeology, philosophy, science – to name just some of the sources – come together to present the many evidences for and reasonableness of faith. The examination of apologetics can draw the unbeliever to God and encourage the faith of the believer.

This issue of the Gospel Herald looks at the theme, "Why Believe?" It is about apologetics. Geoffrey Ellis looks at the evidence from "God's Glorious Work." Before He created the world, God planned to send Jesus to redeem the world. The result is the body of the saved, the church. As he notes, "The perfection of God's arrangement for the redeemed nourishes our faith!" Edwin Broadus shares the results of his personal examination in "Why I Believe in the God of the Bible." He states that rather than being consumed by doubts, "I determined to identify those beliefs I was certain were true...to have a place to stand and a foundation upon which to build my beliefs and my life." Peter Bryan explores the "Hierarchy of the Sciences." (Part 1) He explores the thought "there is more to things than we see..." and along with science, we need to also include theology. And, Paul Birston asks, "Why Believe God and His Word?" He shows that the scriptures themselves are a valuable source for faith. We are indebted to these four brothers for their contribution to this issue, and to Paul for his work in planning and organizing it.

May this issue challenge and inspire you to greater examination of your faith.

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# Hierarchy of the Sciences PART 1

Peter Bryan

## Introduction

Very often we encounter the claim that the physical sciences are adequate and all that is necessary to come to a complete knowledge of everything there is to know. In the absence of God the physical world is all that we have and the claim holds that all there is can be reduced to physical entity governed by physical law.

Alongside this claim necessarily come others to the effect that there is nothing to be learned from either philosophy or theology. If the claim was true these areas would provide no real knowledge. In response it has been said from the point of view of theology that this is presumptive. The issue at hand is whether there is more to things than we see and to decide it based only on studying what we see is begging the question.

The physical sciences by themselves cannot settle the issue. The actual practice of science does not change between believers and unbelievers. The response from philosophy is that the claim that science can tell us everything is itself a philosophical statement and cannot be defended scientifically. At this point the argument seems to stall.

There are no attempts at counterarguments and there is no elaboration of what is meant. What is a philosophical as opposed to a scientific as opposed to a theological statement? We have a good

sense of these things in practice but it is only when we investigate their areas of study we see their specific mandates and the relationships that exist between them. "Science" as a general term has to do with the acquisition of knowledge in any field and each science is in fact defined by its field of enquiry.

In his book "An introduction to Philosophy" Jacques Maritain defines and sets out a hierarchy of these studies from the point of view of philosophy in order to set things in their proper place. He includes the relationship that common sense has to all of this.

## Definitions

### Theology

The word theology means the science of God. The "...knowledge

*of God that we can attain naturally by the unassisted power of reason, and which enables us to know God as the author of the natural order is a philosophic science...and is known as natural theology. The knowledge or science of God which is unattainable naturally by the unassisted powers of reason and is possible only if God has informed men about Himself... is simply theology"* (Maritain 102).

Paul speaks of the man who should have known both God's existence and glory, given the natural order and his powers of reason and of the man who knows God by revelation. He makes a distinction between those who have written or spoken revelation about God, and who can come to know Him through it, and those who do not (Romans 1:19). Both sets of people are accountable.

The object of theology is therefore "*God known in Himself, in His own divine life.*" (Maritain 102). It is possible, through metaphysics, which is the study of first causes, the study of being in general, to come to know both God and His powers, as God is the first cause of the natural order and this study is natural theology. That study to which we come when we realize that further knowledge of God, God in Himself, is only possible if He reveals Himself to us is theology proper.

### Philosophy

*"Philosophy is the science by which the natural*

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of God, and its brilliance is like a precious jewel (21:11). Jesus the Lamb is present as the city's light (21:23; see John 8:12). John did not see a temple in the city, "because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple," which transforms the entire city into the temple of God (21:22; see Eph. 2:19-22).

The city, "of pure gold, pure as glass," is sufficient to receive the saved of the earth; it is immense, figuratively described as a cube measuring 1,500 miles in each of its three directions (21:16). Around the city is a great protective wall that is built on twelve enduring foundations, each bearing the name of one of the twelve apostles, thus pointing to the importance of apostolic authority (21:19-20). The wall has twelve gates that are manned by angels who will not permit anyone impure, shameful or deceitful to enter in (21:12, 22). The gates are named after the twelve tribes of Israel, depicting the continuity between the earlier and the latter kingdoms (21:12). There are three gates on each of the four sides of the city, ready to receive penitents from the four corners of the earth, and the gates are never closed for there is no night there (21:25). God's grace is full.

The city, Christ's bride, has a role in this world—with the Spirit it says, "Come!" (22:17). This is the great mission of the saved, to seek the salvation of the nations! (see Matt. 28:18, 19). The nations will walk by the light of this city (21:24; see Matt. 5:12-16), and as the invitation is answered, the "glory and honour" of the nations will be brought into it (21:26). Those who "wash their

robes" may go through the gates and have the right to the "tree of life" within (22:14). The "tree of life" of Eden has been restored and is within, and those who eat of it will "live forever" (see Gen. 3:22).

Therefore, when we think "church," think of the radiant spiritual kingdom of God on earth. The magnificence of the church of Christ in its spiritual reality thrills our souls!

Yet the third view of Christ's church is even more amazing. This understands its linkage with the eternal. Its heavenly dimension is the context for the kingdom of God on earth in both its visible and spiritual aspects.

Eternity is not in the future. It is now—eternity is always now. It preceded the universe and will persist after the universe's demise. The eternal realm is a parallel universe. We are separated by a thin wall, time from eternity, by only a

heart-beat! Our passage from our present realm to the eternal realm will be by death or by transformation (see 1 Thess. 4:15-18). "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on the unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18).

Eternity is the realm of God and of the heavenly beings. God is harvesting a great host of his creation from this globe to share his everlasting fellowship and to enjoy his eternal love (Matt. 13:37-43). The citizenship of Christians is in heaven (Phil. 3:20). Their king dwells in heaven (Acts 1:11). Their blessings flow from heaven (Eph. 1:3). Their prayers are directed to the Father in heaven (Matt. 6:9). Their worship is received in the heavenly tabernacle (Heb. 10:19-24). Their angelic support flows from heaven (Heb. 1:14). Their saviour sits/stands at the right hand of the throne of God in heaven, and the entire universe praises him! (Rev. 5:6-14).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The visual dimension of the church concerns human relations, the spiritual dimension divine favour, and the eternal dimension the everlasting blessings of grace. They mesh perfectly: three visions of the reality of Christ's church—one reality, beautifully and perfectly structured. Such perfection nourishes our faith!

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

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reputation and refuting his claims, but even those sent to arrest him returned empty-handed, saying, "No one ever spoke like this man!" (7:45-46). Those who were honest then did as honest people should do today after they examine the evidence: accept his claims of Deity and devote their lives to him.

There is also the evidence of his resurrection. Admittedly, this was a unique event, which no one should believe without adequate evidence. At the same time, we need to recognize that uniqueness does not make it impossible for God to raise someone, especially his own Son, from the dead, nor does uniqueness disprove the facts. These facts about the resurrection of Jesus include the empty tomb, the testimony of eye-witnesses, and the amazing spread of Christianity, with belief in the resurrection of Jesus as its cornerstone.

The obviously empty tomb led to the conspiracy theory that the disciples had stolen the body, despite extraordinary efforts to prevent theft from happening (Matthew 27:63-66; 28:11-15). But it is absurd to think that the very people who either allegedly stole the body or knew those who did would give their lives to preach about a resurrection that they knew had not taken place.

Nor was the resurrection a story invented decades later by the church, as has been alleged. Some of the earliest written testimony about the resurrection is found in 1 Corinthians, which even the most skeptical scholars recognize as a genuine letter of Paul, written in 53 or 54 A. D., less than 25 years after Jesus was crucified. Paul lists

several appearances of Jesus to witnesses after he was raised from the dead: to Cephas [Peter], to the twelve and then to more than 500 brethren, most of whom were still alive, then to James, then to all the apostles and finally to Paul himself (1 Corinthians 15:3-11). By the time Paul wrote these words, the resurrection of Jesus was, and had been for some time, common knowledge, attested to by witnesses whom many knew in person.

The early church itself is evidence to the reality of Jesus' resurrection. It is implausible that the church began and then so rapidly expanded in the face of organized opposition and vehement persecution through preaching a lie, when those preaching it had nothing on earth to gain in the way of power, fame or money. These people harboured no doubts that Jesus had been raised from the dead and that he would return as promised. The resurrection was and is the great historical foundation of the Christian faith. As Paul said, "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life

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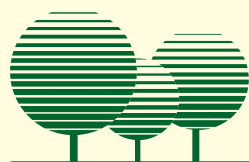
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— The editors

only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19).

We believe in Jesus as the Son of God for many reasons, but the great historical proofs are his resurrection from the dead and the testimony of his life and teaching. And when we know with such certainty Jesus as he really is, we have what Paul calls "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus, Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). We know the God of the Bible because we know Jesus.

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# Why Believe God and His Word?

Paul Birston

**T**here was a time in my life when I did not know much about the Bible. I did not understand it or believe what it says. I was living far from God and He seemed far from me. Through a series of challenging times I discovered that God is real, He cares about us and there are many good reasons to believe in Him and His Word. The following are several that I find particularly helpful and I hope you do too.

## **The Scriptures Show Us God Is Personal**

All writings show us something about their authors. Books convey the knowledge and interests of their writers. Letters between friends provide glimpses of their true affections. The Bible reveals much about its ultimate author, God. He is personal. He cares about each one of us.

Jesus prayed: “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3). Jesus addresses God in a personal way. Living eternally is equated with knowing Him.

Because Jesus is fully God and fully human, He understands us and what we are going through: “Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people” (Hebrews 2:17). God is not an impersonal force. He understands us and has given us the Bible by which we can know Him.

## **Science, Archaeology and History Affirm the Bible**

Many people deny connections between the Bible and science. They say science and reason are contrary to faith but even science has an element of faith. We discover things we don't know because we have faith we can.

The main purpose of the Bible is not to explain science but to con-

nect us with God. Yet Paul says in Romans 1:17, “since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made.” Scientific discoveries continue to reveal how awesome and beautiful the universe is as a reflection of God's “invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature.”

The Bible opens saying, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Recent satellite discoveries show the existence of low frequency microwaves in deep outer space. Scientists think these variations from “smoother” radiation waves point to an explosion which started matter moving. The laws of thermodynamics and this theory confirm what the Bible says, the universe had a beginning.

Archaeology affirms the Bible. In Exodus 23:23, God said, “For My angel will go before you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them.” The Bible identifies the Hittite nation as one whose people were in the Bible lands before the time of Israel. God promised to destroy the Hittites and they were gone by about 1200 B.C. For many years people denied their existence until the late 19th century when Hittite monuments were discovered by A. Y. Sayce of Oxford. In 1906, Hugo Winckler of Berlin found the remains of the Bronze Age Hittite capital Hattusa near Boğazkale, Turkey, including an archive of clay tablets containing important military documents. Archaeology confirmed that what the Bible said is true.

In response to His disciples impressions of the temple buildings, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down” (Matthew 24:2b). For a Jew living in first century Jerusalem the idea of Herod's mag-

nificent temple being destroyed was unbelievable. Jesus' prophecy came true in A.D. 70 when the Romans, lead by Titus during the reign of the Emperor Vespasian, demolished the temple. The Arch of Titus in Rome celebrates this destruction and contains reliefs of the spoils of Jerusalem including a large carving of the temple menorah (the candlestick with seven branches). History has proven Jesus' words in the Bible. New discoveries in science, archaeology and history continue to demonstrate the credibility of the Bible.

## **Scriptural Principles Work in Reality**

Because the Bible is inspired by the Creator of the universe, it gives us a meaningful worldview and a framework for understanding and living life. One example of God's principles that work in reality is Proverbs 15:1, “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” A gentle, calm and reasoned response to inter-personal conflict dissolves animosity. Jesus said, “If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself” (John 7:17). If we do God's will we can prove for ourselves His words are true.

## **The Scriptures Consistently Claim to Be the Inspired Word of God**

God moved the authors of Scripture by His Spirit to write the contents of the Bible. We call this process “inspiration.” The continuing involvement of God's Spirit in this process explains the consistency and harmony of the 66 Bible books that were written by about 40 authors over a period of about 1,500 years. Second Timothy 3:16 says, “All Scripture is inspired by God...” The word for “inspired” is *theopneustos*, “*theo*” being God and “*pneustos*” being “breathed” from the same root word as “spirit.” This word has also been translated as “God-breathed.” In the physical realm, inspiration is the intake of life-



giving air in the respiration cycle. In the spiritual sense God breathed into the Scriptures the life and meaning that He desired through His Spirit. This distinguishes the Bible from all other books. The Bible is a living book that gives us spiritual life.

### **Sin—An Evidence and the Bible's Answer to It—Jesus**

The Bible accurately describes the human condition. The major problem is one unpopular word: sin. Read 2 Timothy 3 and notice how contemporary its description of human nature is. The existence of selfishness, war, abuse and cruelty affirm the Bible's claims that most people live outside God's will, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23); fortunately Paul's sentence continues, "being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (3:24).

If all the Bible did was to diagnose the world as sinful, discouraging and full of despair, it would be no differ-

ent from much cynical and existential philosophy. The good news (gospel) is that God provides an answer to sin in His son Jesus: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." Sin is evidence that what the Bible says is true. Fortunately, there is an answer to it in Jesus.

### **God Gives Life and the Wonderful Words of Life**

God gives life and sustains it: "... in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). He speaks through the Scriptures to provide food for the soul: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63).

The Bible is a book with purpose. It is a rich library that gives us access to the very thoughts of God. The Bible provides an understanding of the past, a meaningful way of life for the present, and a hope for the future.

There are many reasons for believing the Bible: Jesus confirmed it, Scripture consistently claims that it is true and it is affirmed by archaeology, science, history and experience. The words of the Bible are powerful, convicting and very beautiful. They clearly reflect the character of their ultimate author, God. These are not simply the words of men. The Word of God gives us hope and light by which we can respond to God through faith, repentance, immersion into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, receiving His Holy Spirit to live within and empower us, and leading a faithful life until we are united with Him forever in heaven. Through the wonderful words of the Bible we can know Jesus and be saved by Him, the living and abiding Word of God.

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*light of reason studies the first causes or highest principles of all things. It is the science of things in their first causes insofar as these belong to the natural order.*" (Maritain 87).

Philosophy studies the laws governing things that belong to the natural order in their existence and insofar as that existence is common to all things it is the study of the principles that govern all things; that is the "first principles." It is not the study of things and their properties but the study of those principles that govern the ability for things to exist and have properties.

We need to find in principle why it is possible for things to change yet retain their identity, why there are many instances of the same thing, what things are in their nature without reference to other things and so on. It is these first principles that allow us in the first place to think intelligently about things before we come to study them according to the special sciences.

### The Special Sciences

*"The special sciences presuppose the findings of the study of things as to their first causes and they study not the existence and properties of things in themselves but the effects things have on other things, that is, secondary causes."* (Maritain 87).

The physical sciences give detailed, precise and predictive accounts of how things in the natural order work. They give no account of how things come to be or what things are in themselves, that is in their natures. That there is a real, mind independent world, that the things in it have sustainable natures that allow for

predictable change, that nature is continuous in her workings, is presupposed by the special sciences. They give no account of how we come to apprehend the workings of the natural order or how we can depend upon that apprehension. The accounts the sciences give are descriptive, not explanatory, or explanatory only of secondary causes.

### Common Sense

*"Ordinary knowledge consists for the most part of mere opinions or beliefs, more or less well founded. But it implies a solid kernel of genuine certainties in which the philosopher recognises in the first place data of the senses...secondly self-evident axioms (for example the whole is greater than the part, every event has a cause, etc.) and thirdly consequences immediately deducible from these axioms."* (Maritain 109).

In philosophy these axioms are known as first principles. It is this basis of certain knowledge, that we call common sense proper. It is part of the natural framework of the intellect. *"Since their source is human nature itself, they will be found in all men alike..."* (Maritain 109). Therefore it is the common sense of all men.

There is a great deal more that can be said about the intellect but these certainties are part of what allows the intellect to function,

that intellect being that which sets us apart from the animal world and that which is a divine endowment. *"The light of common sense is fundamentally the same light as that of science, that is to say, the natural light of the intellect."* (Maritain 110).

The basis of our reasoning remains the same across all the sciences and across all intellectual activity. The intellect knows the certainties of first principles naturally and this knowledge is infallible but at this stage it is not a knowledge that is attained by reflection and therefore is imperfect in that sense.

### Theology and Philosophy

*"The premises of philosophy are independent of theology being those primary truths which are self-evident to the understanding, whereas the premises of theology are those revealed by God. Philosophy is not positively governed by theology, nor does it have any need of theology to defend its premises. It develops its own principles autonomously within its own sphere."* (Maritain 103).

But philosophy is open to a negative judgement and therefore a negative control of theology. Any philosophic affirmation which contradicts a theological truth must be rejected. An indication of the truth of a philosophical affirmation would be the degree to which it were to harmonize with revealed truth.

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## Immanuel: God With Us

**F**ifty years ago A Charlie Brown Christmas was first broadcast on American television. Some network executives thought it would be ignored, while others worried that quoting the Bible would offend viewers. Some wanted its creator, Charles Schulz, to omit the Christmas story, but Schulz insisted it stay in. The program was an immediate success and has been rebroadcast every year since 1965.

When Charlie Brown, the frustrated director of the children's Christmas play, is discouraged by the commercial spirit of the holiday season, he asks if anyone can tell him the real meaning of Christmas. Linus recites Luke 2:8-14 including the words, 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'<sup>1</sup>

While the birth of Jesus is commonly referred to as "the Christmas story", Scripture does not instruct us to celebrate His birth. Because of that, many choose not to attach any religious significance to December 25. How, or if, we celebrate Christmas is strictly a personal choice (Romans 14:5-7). Whether we do so on Christmas or through our praise throughout the year, the human incarnation of God is definitely something worth celebrating.

Take a few moments and consider what it means for Christ to have come to earth as a helpless infant. If you read the myths about the gods worshipped in the Roman

world in the first century, you will find that they sometimes made appearances in human form. This is why Paul was mistaken for a god on a couple of occasions. (Acts 14:11-13; Acts 28:6) Basically, those gods came in disguise and for their own pleasure. Not so with Jesus.

Hebrews 2:14 says, *"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who*

***To be "made like his brothers in every way" it was necessary for Jesus to experience all of life.***

*holds the power of death – that is, the devil"* (NIV 1984). Even though He came to die, to be a sacrifice for our sins, He could have merely come in human form and for only a brief time. But He didn't. He became human so that His sacrifice might have true significance. *"For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people"* (Hebrews 2:17 NIV 1984). Jesus Christ did not come disguised as a man, He was fully human.

To be "made like his brothers in every way" it was necessary for Jesus to experience all of life. Think about what that meant. As we all do as infants, He needed someone to feed Him, bathe Him, change His dirty diapers (however

that may have been done in those days), nurture and train Him. How humbling for the Creator of the universe to be totally dependent on a lowly carpenter's wife for His care. Jesus had to learn to walk, to get up and try again when He fell down. He had to learn to obey His parents and get along with His siblings. He played games and did childhood chores like the other children around Him. He had to cope with all the body changes and uncertainty of the teenage years. Jesus grew, learned, laughed, cried, felt pain and joy just as we do. Not only was Immanuel God with us, He was one of us. Jesus Christ, fully God, spent approximately thirty-three years experiencing every aspect of being fully man, from conception to dying breath on the cross, so that He could be the perfect sacrifice for us.

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"* (1 John 4:7-11 NIV 1984).

Have we ever received a greater gift than Jesus? While we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection in the Lord's Supper each Sunday, let us not forget that His birth and life are needed to understand the full significance of that sacrifice. "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "What Christmas Is All About", by David McCasland, Our Daily Bread, December 5, 2015,

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### ONTARIO

**Bramalea:** On November 7 David Sitton from Texas gave an excellent message at the Camp Omagh annual meeting held at the Bramalea building. He spoke on the life of Joe and Rosa Belle Cannon. He also promoted his book, "Hard Fighting Soldier," the life story of Joe. The congregation collected money for Great Lakes Bible College on GLBC Sunday, November 8. During the month of November the adult Bible class and the young people from grades 7 and up met in the auditorium to rehearse new worship songs. Kevin Hunter left November 15 to join Jean Volcy on the annual mission trip to Haiti. Shirley Straker celebrated her 80th birthday November 15 with an after the church's monthly pot luck honorary cake-cutting.

**Chesley area Home Church Group:** My name is Lenora. You may know me as being associated with Ron and Mary Zavitz during the 70's and I attended GLCC. My son, Vincent Rogister; has been attending the home church group with me for the past 6 months and I am very happy to say that Dad (Ron) baptized him in the Saugeen River on a beautiful sunny Saturday this past Oct. 10, 2015, which also happens to be Vincent's 21st birthday! We are all very pleased and excited for him to be taking this step at a very crucial time in his life. And I am very grateful for my parents (Ron & Mary Zavitz) and the other church members for their positive influence on him. Two members from the Vandeleur church were also present, our good friends Dorothy & Gordon Dennis.

**Fenwick:** We rejoice in that we have a new sister in Christ. Bonnie Hunt was baptized into Christ on October 14, 2015. We had a very encouraging meeting with Brother Billy Lambert of Alabama, October 18-21. Six members from Brother Lambert's home congregation accompanied Brother and Sister Lambert. Average attendance for the meeting was 55. We

were saddened by the passing of Felix Turner on November 3, in Kentucky. Felix was much appreciated and loved by the congregation. He served as minister at Fenwick in the late 1990's.

**Ice Lake:** The congregation has been blessed over the past few months with several guest speakers, including Geoff Ellis, Mark Addison, Don Williams, John Addison and Doug Metherol. Eric McCallum visited once again from Scotland and presented lessons on two Sundays. Jeff Brown once again led the Kingston, Tennessee, mission group back to Manitoulin for a series of lessons and community outreach. This past October, a Ladies Day was held, "Woman: Her Blessing and Responsibilities", with Alice Addison speaking. The hand knit blanket project is starting up again after a summer break. Anyone interested in participating please contact Marg Dearing.

**Sundridge:** A corn roast was held in September at the home of our newly hired part time preacher, Robert Gieg, and his wife Sandy. The North Bay congregation was included and the weather was perfect. Rob has many years of preaching in the Ottawa area, and he and Sandy have moved from the Hamilton area. We have already heard some great lessons and look forward to the many more to come. On October 1, a long-time member of the Sundridge church, Yvon Bussieres, passed away in his 80th year. He is the beloved husband of Jean Bussieres and the late Wilma Bussieres. The church has been blessed to have 4 baptisms to report recently. Gord Sterling, husband of Billie Sterling; and Peg Nichols, wife of Jim Nichols, were baptised into Christ in beautiful Lake Bernard. Also Lee Webster and wife Vickie, were baptised into Christ in lovely Lynch Lake. We welcome these new souls to the congregation. Many of our members who were former students of Great Lakes, attended the recent "Homecoming" celebration in Beamsville. There were many smiles when asked if they had a good time. A candlelight service is being planned at the church building for this Christmas Eve and we welcome all who can to attend. This has been a blessed year for the Sundridge Church of Christ and we look forward with much excitement to 2016.

**Tintern:** The Hands & Hearts group, led by Angela Kanellopoulos started up again in September. This group of young ladies (grades 3 to 8) meet to learn and improve their skills at knitting, sewing,

cooking and baking. Thanks to Angela and her group of helpers for providing this service to Tintern's young ladies. FriendSpeak started again this past September with 25 international students from Great Lakes attending. Contact Jim Whitfield at Great Lakes if you would like more information. Beamsville and Tintern are sponsoring a Syrian refugee family, a husband and wife with five children ages 4-16. The family is originally from Aleppo, Syria, and have been living in a refugee camp in Beirut for more than two years. We are hoping they will arrive safely before the end of the year. Celebration of Thanks in October was well attended. More than 230 people attending including several community and family visitors. The men's Wings & the Word group started up again in September. We meet every other Tuesday night at 8 pm at Crabby Joe's for chicken wings and a study of the book of Ephesians.

Beamsville and Tintern hosted their second annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of the Beamsville church building. Over 250 kids attended with most of that number being community kids. Thanks to Tintern's TRUTH for organizing the event this year. We are in the process of choosing and appointing new elders. Our new and existing Elders will be recognized at our Annual General Meeting. The Sew & Sews have started a mitten tree. They are collecting mitts, hats and scarves (for the refugee family, a local family, Conversations in Beamsville and Grimsby Life Centre). They are also collecting some household items for the refugee family.

Check out our Facebook page and our web page ([www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca](http://www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca)) to find out what is happening at Tintern.

**Toronto (Bayview Ave):** On October 14 we rejoiced with Patricia Philip and her family on the baptism of her brother, Nigel Joseph, at Bayview. Patricia had been studying with Nigel and introduced her new brother in Christ to us on October 18. Our prayers are with Nigel as he starts his Christian journey. Bayview hosted a Spiritual Renewal Weekend on October 24 and 25, with Drew Chapados from Windsor as our featured speaker. He presented four lessons on the theme, "Faithfulness in Times of Trial". Forty eight attended on Sunday morning, with visitors over the weekend representing Strathmore, Harding and Bramalea. Plans are underway to celebrate Ella Jones' 100th birthday on November 12. Members at Bayview are preparing

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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton (North & South Side):** On Sunday November 8 both congregations in Edmonton took up special collections to help with aid for the Syrian Refugees in Europe. The combined total was almost \$8,000. The funds will be sent to Partners in Progress, a church of Christ humanitarian missionary effort. Bill McDonough from Partners in Progress is currently in Europe, assisting the local congregations as they develop their plans to help the refugees being settled in their communities. On November 8, Bill McDonough sent this email message back from Athens, Greece: "Tonight we walked the streets of downtown Athens where thousands of refugees are sleeping on the sidewalks in the cold with no place to go, wondering where their next meal will come from. We went to a small center for refugees who speak Farsi, Iranian and Afghan, and listened as they told us unbelievable stories of escape with nothing but the clothes on their backs. A woman with her two children and two of her murdered sister's children, a dead brother's son and a new born of a cousin that was beheaded when she told ISIS soldiers she was a Christian. Six thousand eight hundred more arrived yesterday and that many or more are expected every day for weeks or months to come. God has put us, Christians, at this place for this time. Encourage everyone you know to do everything they can to help these desperate people and show them God cares. Many will come to Christ if we do this. If we don't they will join forces that fight against Him. We will help them make that choice. PRAYING". Our Fall Fellowship was November 6-8. The theme was Great Bible Covenants and guest speaker was Glen Dods. The lessons were: The Covenant Making God, What Is A Covenant?, The Covenant with Abraham, The Covenant with David, The Old Covenant, and The New Covenant. The lessons were excellent. Jeric Salvador put on Christ in baptism. The following have

made it known they wish to be identified as part of our church family: James and Kaylee Franklin, Pedro & Marife Hisarza, King Hisarza, John Hisarza, Jory and Katherine Krogsgaard, Norvel & Evelyn Lateo, James Lateo, Amelia Morales, Chris & Michelle Morales, Fred & Linda Nelson, Kevin & Laura Uebelein and Sarah Whittaker.

We are saddened with the passing of Walter Johnson on Thursday, November 12. His Memorial service was held Monday, November 16.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Abbotsford (Central Valley):** Plans were for the Weirs to start their trip north to visit Prince George and head for their First Nations' friends in the two far-north villages in mid-October. However, in arranging a 50th anniversary dinner party for Steve and Hilda Chartrand for 5:30 on Oct. 16, at 2 o'clock that afternoon Hilda suffered a severe stroke. Norm and Jen canceled their plans to leave, and Hilda did not regain consciousness. She died the morning of Nov. 7. While spending time at the hospital with Hilda, a few days later Rudy de la Rambelje called to tell them his wife, Yvonne, had also suffered a stroke. This couple, who had visited here because their son had married a Canadian girl living in Holland, eventually decided to come to Canada permanently. They had a home built in Abbotsford to be near their son's family, and have been a helpful addition to the Central Valley church ever since.

**Delta:** Erol Dogan gave us an overview of the situation in Israel and how it is affecting the church in Jerusalem as part of his talk on "Choices, Changes and Challenges" given in the form of a Power Point presentation on Oct. 14. Another recent speaker for us was Efosa Ikponmwosa, whose scriptural lesson on "Forgiveness" was very inspiring. His family has been with our congregation since coming here from Nigeria several years ago and provided with a place to live with Jim and Carolyn Hawkins until they were able to settle in Canada.

**Oakridge (Vancouver):** Word was received by the church that Brother Antonio Pineda, who has been preaching the gospel in El Salvador since he was a young man, the last 46 years of that time from a wheelchair, died on Oct. 27. He became a paraplegic at the age of 35 when he fell from a bridge in 1969. Hearing of his plight and his determination not to let it terminate his preaching the gospel, Oakridge has helped support him financially for the past 20 years. Although we have two Pineda families in our fellowship, they are

not related to Antonio, who lived to serve Christ. He was 78 and will be missed in numerous places where he preached in El Salvador, as well as by hundreds he converted.

**Salmon Arm:** Given the name of "Autumn Emily", Gordon and Peggy Parmenter welcomed their second great-granddaughter into the world on Oct. 28. A three-man committee has presented a list of issues and suggestions to our elders to consider in planning the future of our congregation. One of the Taylor's grandsons was attacked on Halloween and suffered severe head injuries, including a cracked skull, swelling, brain leakage, and loss of hearing. Doctors have him resting at home until the swelling subsides before operating.

**Surrey:** Most of the Canadian responders to the invitation to take Bible Correspondence courses have come through the chance notice of the free advertising in the Koffee Paper ad section distributed in various business places, as well as some who see Joann Simonsen's website while browsing the net. At last count the number in Canada was 63 for this year. Also as a result, a few of those taking one or more courses are visiting our church services on Sundays, and several are keeping Ron Beckett involved in personal studies.

**Vernon:** A joyful welcome was given to Chris Parmenter as he was added to the Vernon body of Christ on Oct. 25. Bill and Wendy Ulrich were part of a short-term mission trip to India this fall. Charmain has been commended for her humane work in Kos. Alvan Jacobs, one of our former elders, seems to be responding well to a new treatment for his brain cancer. What is called "Open Sunday" is being used here once a month as a change of pace. It is a combination of sermon interludes followed by appropriate songs sung in between as the story unfolds.

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg:** A special contribution was taken to help with hurricane relief work in Dominica. November 8 we held a fundraising Mission Lunch to raise funds to help our brethren in Ghana.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Saskatoon:** We hosted a weekend workshop with Randy Harris on November 7-9.

**Weyburn:** We packed 34 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are collecting gently used purses to fill with supplies and give to ladies that come to Souls Harbour in Regina. The Peterson's hosted a Seniors Christmas Dinner.



# MISSION NEWS

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Lae):** (Ed: Ruth Zimmerman was notified earlier this year that she had to renew her Visa, and Work Permit, so started the process at once. She was relieved that the Work permit came through a couple of months ago.) "I naively thought that the work permit and visa paperwork was the last big work for this year. Oh, was I wrong! On Oct. 12, a sister from the Tampawi congregation arrived with the news that she had been awarded an extra stall at this year's Morobe Show and that the Melanesian Bible College could have it if we wanted it. Stalls within the show grounds are generally difficult to get. Applications are made in September, along with a non-refundable application fee, and then the applicants are drawn. The only catch was that we had to go that day and pay the stall fee. After some quick discussion (and a bit of panic on my part!), we headed off to make the payment, and then dove into 10 days of preparation. The show was held on October 24 and 25 and went well. We were ideally located, and were always busy. We were able to purchase a small gas Coleman barbeque and served hotdogs and sausages, along with fried bananas and potatoes, banana chips, cupcakes, packaged biscuits, and canned and bottled soft drinks and water. Lots and lots and lots of water! The stall is a cement pad with four metal posts and a galvanized roof, and was well constructed with lots of shelving and a great serving area. We were able to find, translate and print 800 copies of a tract, which we handed out, along with every available copy of The Voice of Truth International that we had on hand. The outcome was that we all came away feeling that we had ministered in a positive way to everyone whom we served. We also came away with more than K2,000.00 (CN\$1000.00) towards the M.B.C. classroom building project.

We were all exhausted – those who prepared, those who served, the boys who worked security for us during the show, and Jab who did all the delivering and picking up – but we also came away really encouraged and grateful. It isn't uncommon for violence to erupt during the shows in P.N.G., especially on Sunday afternoons when the gates are opened to the public. Again, thanks to much prayer, the whole experience was a positive one. And in case you are wondering, we even had a 6:00 am worship service and communion on Sunday morning, before heading off for the day." (Thanks to Ruth Zimmerman for this portion of her November report.)

**UKRAINE (Kiev):** (A man from Athens who has taught at UBI many times, according to Mary Lee Rogers, who writes about his recent visit in this October report.) "Dino Russos arrived at the end of break week. He is from Athens, Greece, and one of the most delightful men we have ever met. He is a preacher, teacher, tour guide, archeologist and historian, to name a few things he does. And of course he loves to tell you how all things came from Greek words! He has taught at UBI many times and loves it. He normally teaches about the Orthodox Church and how we can reach these people. He was raised in the Orthodox Church and was even an altar boy, so he is well qualified to teach this. Converted by a missionary who came to Athens many years ago, since age 16 he has been preaching for the churches of Christ. (He is now 67!!) Due to the war and our having to rearrange our schedule, he was asked to teach II Corinthians this time. I had never taken II Corinthians, so I decided to take his class. It was just great. Not only through living in Athens, but going to Corinth hundreds of times, he knows the geography, history, archeology and Biblical history so well that he just makes it come alive. Jay Don and Dino had been asked to go to the "University of Educational Management" in Kiev which is also known as the "National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine". The Rector of the university, Dr. Victor Oliynyk, welcomed them with great joy, sharing his desire that

we find mutual ways of cooperation. This University has been working with Eastern European Missions and the Character for Kids program. Jay Don was invited to come back next week in order to speak to some of the teachers from the Region who have travelled back to Kiev for continued training. He will have an opportunity to teach on some basic principles of Christianity. We have no idea where this will lead, but they are very interested in cooperating with us at UBI. We may be able to teach some classes at the University combined with our students. Pray that God will use this to open more doors of opportunity for us. A lady, Dr. Irina Leonidibna, has cowritten a book on "Character for Children", which EEM will publish, and which will be used to teach Character in all the schools in Ukraine. The main part of the book has been written by Fran Armor. The Vice Rector, who is the head of the Psychology Department, and the woman who is the Head of their International Relations Department, Olena Shumska, were also in the meeting. Jay Don and Dino were also able to go out and visit the EEM shipping warehouse and office facilities. People who work for EEM are working very hard to publish Bibles and related materials for distribution throughout Ukraine, Russia, Bulgaria, Croatia and other countries in Eastern Europe. We thank God for the leadership of the Eastern European Mission and their the work to spread the Word of God to these nations." (Excerpts from the October report sent by Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers, who are home – Canada and the U. S. – over Christmas.)

**JAPAN:** "Joel and I will be getting married on Sunday, Nov. 22, in Kasama, Ibaraki. It will be outdoors and the ceremony will be following the worship service. We chose this date because Joel and I both love fall, it's near American Thanksgiving and it's also my birthday. It will be a double wedding with two of our Japanese friends, Hiroaki and Megumi. Nov. 22 is also the day Hiroaki and Megumi started officially dating, so that date is significant for many reasons. We are looking forward to celebrating with our family and friends! " – Kristin



# BOOK REVIEWS

## Holy Toast

by Michael R. Parker,  
Shekinah Reflection Publishing,  
2015, 185 pages, available from  
Amazon.com, \$15.98 CDN

– Reviewed by Max Craddock

Mike Parker has written an interesting book that gives his perspective on the state of preachers today. In particular he discusses “7 Reasons Ministers Leave Ministry”. Having spent over 55 years in ministry I can relate to the matters he highlights that do put stress on the relationship of ministers and congregations.

The intention of this book is to encourage those who love their congregation to recognize some of the stressors that cause men to leave ministry and to keep this from happening.

We would like to think that the relationship between the minister/evangelist and the congregation would always be “heavenly”. However, this is often not the case. While I personally believe one cannot view the work of a minister as a “job like any other secular job in the world” it is surely true that like no other work it can only succeed when there is a unity in purpose and goal of both minister and congregation. There clearly needs to be a good level of communication between them.

While you may not agree 100% with everything Mike writes, I believe a prayerful reading of this book will challenge you, if you truly love the Lord and desire to see His Kingdom grow, to take a fresh look at the shared work of the congregation and the one who preaches, teaches and ministers. How tragic it is if the work of the church is hindered by any of these “7 Reasons” in accomplishing this very important work of reaching out to the world with the gospel of Christ and the maturing of the body of believers. I recommend the reading of “Holy Toast” with a view toward building a mutual relationship of service that honours God and builds your congregation.

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personal messages to be shared via videotape on her big day. Ella is a wonderful example of a faithful and loving sister in Christ. May God continue to bless her as she has blessed us.

**Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):** Santiago Molina travelled to the Dominican Republic for the annual Ebroamericano Lectureship from October 26 through November 2. The Strathmore Annual Ladies Retreat was held on Saturday November 14. The speaker was Melba

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**Windsor – (West Side):** On October 25 Russ Bone of Lincoln Park, Michigan, did the preaching for us in the morning as Drew was away holding a meeting at the Bayview congregation in Toronto. We are always glad when we get a chance to hear Russ bring us a word from God. Our 15th Annual Clothing Giveaway was November 23-28, 2015.



## Missionary Couple Urgently Needed!

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**SOUTH EDMONTON:** Southwood Community Centre 1880 – 37 street NW, Edmonton, AB; Mailing Address: P. O. Box 42126 Edmonton, AB T6K 4C4; Evangelist: Roy Graneau; 780-902-1329 Sun. 10:00 adult & children's Bible class, 11:00 worship; Midweek CARE Groups in homes (phone evangelist for details); Web: southedmontonchurchofchrist.org Email: southedmonton.churchofchrist@gmail.com

**LLOYDMINSTER Church of Christ:** 4702 56 Ave., Mailing Address: Box 88, Lloydminster, AB T9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Mid-week in Homes, call for information; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505; cell (306) 821-7446 e-mail: lee\_patmore@me.com

**MEDICINE HAT:** Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

**RED DEER:** Davenport Church of Christ, 68 Donlevy Avenue, Red Deer, T4R 2Y8, tel. 403-347-3986; (fax) 403.347.332, Edward Klym, Minister/Evangelist; Sunday morning worship: 10:00 am, Sunday School: 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm Email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/rdcoc

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## PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley):** Sun. 10, 11; Thur. 7 PM, Meeting at: Suite 200 - 2445 West Railway Street, Abbotsford, BC; Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2 Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-850-9001; email: normjen@shaw.ca

**CAMPBELL RIVER:** 226 Hilcey Road Campbell River, BC V9W 1P4; Contact: Office (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besijm2@hotmail.com

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Email: Churchofchristcourtenay@shaw.ca  
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**DELTA:** Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; contact Larry Hoff (604) 943-1468; Ron Bailey (604) 943-7517

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**VANCOUVER (Oakridge):** 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 11, Milton Diaz, ev., 604-432-1749 (res.).

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**MONCTON:** 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Stephane Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephanemaillet@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca FB page: https://www.facebook.com/AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

**SAINT JOHN:** Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

## NEW YORK STATE

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